

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, IZ

SUBJECT: SUN OIL COMPANY INTEREST IN IRAQ

REF: BAGHDAD 420; STATE 081558

1. ROBERT SPURLOCK, REPRESENTATIVE OF SUN OIL INTERNATIONAL, VISITED BAGHDAD SEPTEMBER 1 - 2 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH INOC ON SIX AREAS OFFERED FOR EXPLORATION CONTRACTS (REFTEL). SPURLOCK SAID FORMULA THAT INOC OFFERING IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF PETROBRAS AND ERAP CONTRACTS AND THIS WILL CAUSE PROBLEM FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES SINCE THEY WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE EITHER FOR FOREIGN TAX CREDITS OR OIL DEPLETION ALLOWANCE.

2. SPURLOCK INTIMATED THAT TO SPREAD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RISKS HE WOULD PROBABLY RECOMMEND THAT SUN FORM JOINT VENTURE WITH EUROPEAN FIRM TO SUBMIT BID ON ONE OF AREAS.  
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